

**Estimated Hearing Date:** November 7, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. (Atlantic Standard Time)

**Objection Deadline:** August 6, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. (Atlantic Standard Time)

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO**

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In re:	PROMESA
THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,	Title III
as representative of	No. 17 BK 3283-LTS
THE COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO, <i>et al.</i> ,	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	

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In re:	PROMESA
THE FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,	Title III
as representative of	Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS
PUERTO RICO SALES TAX FINANCING CORPORATION, <i>et al.</i> ,	<b>This Application relates only to COFINA, and shall be filed in the lead Case No. 17 BK 3283- LTS, and COFINA's Title III Case (Case No. 17 BK 3284- LTS)</b>
Debtor.	

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**SUMMARY SHEET**

**TO THIRD INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF PROSKAUER  
ROSE LLP FOR COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND  
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE  
FINANCIAL OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR PUERTO RICO,  
AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEBTOR, PUERTO RICO SALES TAX FINANCING  
CORPORATION, FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH MAY 31, 2018**

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Title III Cases, along with each Debtor's respective Title III case number and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, as applicable, are the (i) Commonwealth of Puerto Rico (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3283- LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3481); (ii) Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation ("COFINA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3284-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 8474); (iii) Puerto Rico Highways and Transportation Authority ("HTA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3567-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3808); (iv) Employees Retirement System of the Government of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico ("ERS") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 3566-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 9686); and (v) Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority ("PREPA") (Bankruptcy Case No. 17 BK 4780-LTS) (Last Four Digits of Federal Tax ID: 3747). (Title III case numbers are listed as Bankruptcy Case numbers due to software limitations.)

**Schedule 1**

**Summary of Fees and Expenses Paid to Date and the Balance of Fees and Expenses for which Allowance and Payment is Requested for the Compensation Period**

Name of Applicant:	Proskauer Rose LLP (“ <u>Proskauer</u> ”)
Retained to Provide Professional Services to:	The Financial Oversight and Management Board as Representative of the Debtor Pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b)
Period for Which Compensation is Sought:	February 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018 (the “ <u>Compensation Period</u> ”)
Amount of Fees Sought:	\$94,488.00
Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought:	\$4,277.94
Total Fees and Expenses Sought for Compensation Period:	\$98,765.94

This is a(n) \_\_\_\_ Monthly X Interim \_\_\_\_ Final Fee Application

This is the third interim fee application filed by Proskauer Rose LLP in in the Debtor’s Title III case. The total time expended in connection with the preparation of this interim application is not included herein, as additional time was expended after the Compensation Period.

**Third Interim Compensation Period**  
**February 1, 2018– May 31, 2018**

<b>Statement and Date Served</b>	<b>Period Covered</b>	<b>Total Fees Incurred</b>	<b>Total Fees Requested (90%)</b>	<b>Expenses Requested</b>	<b>Fees Paid (90%)</b>	<b>Expenses Paid</b>
<b>Tenth</b> 6/13/18	2/1/18 to 2/28/18	\$23,944.20	\$21,549.78	\$0.00	Pending	\$0.00
<b>Eleventh</b> 6/20/18	3/1/18 to 3/31/18	\$66,004.30	\$59,403.87	\$4,250.04	Pending	Pending
<b>Twelfth</b> 7/03/18	4/1/18 to 4/30/18	\$4,539.50	\$4,085.55	\$27.90	Pending	Pending
<b>No invoices for May 2018</b>	5/1/18 to 5/31/18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Totals:</b>		<b>\$94,488.00</b>	<b>\$85,039.20</b>	<b>\$4,277.94</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Pending</b>

Additional information required pursuant to the *United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330* by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases issued by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee:

Blended Rate in This Application for All Attorneys	\$759.00 <sup>2</sup>
Blended Rate in This Application for All Timekeepers	\$620.00
Compensation Sought in this Application Already Paid Pursuant to Monthly Compensation Statements but Not Yet Allowed	\$0.00
Expenses Sought in this Application Already Paid Pursuant to Monthly Compensation Statements but Not Yet Allowed	\$0.00
Number of Professionals Included in this Application <sup>3</sup>	20
Number of Professionals in This Application NOT Included in Staffing Plan Approved by Client <sup>4</sup>	N/A
If Applicable, the Difference Between Fees Budgeted and Compensation Sought for This Application Period	N/A
Number of Professionals Billing Fewer than 15 Hours to the Case During This Application Period	16
Any Rates Higher than Those Approved or Disclosed when Retained? If yes, calculate and disclose the total compensation sought in this Application using the rates originally disclosed at retention.	No. As explained in the Second Interim Application (as defined below), rates increased in accordance with Proskauer's engagement letter on January 1, 2018. Rates have not increased during the Compensation Period.

<sup>2</sup> This rate excludes non-attorneys (*e.g.*, paralegals).

<sup>3</sup> As used herein, the term "professionals" includes all timekeepers.

<sup>4</sup> As noted in the budget Staffing Plan, the number of timekeepers expected to work on the matter during the Compensation Period was 23, and thus the actual number of timekeepers was 3 fewer than anticipated.

**Schedule 2**

**Summary of Professional Services Rendered by  
Timekeeper for the Period February 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018**

<b>NAME OF PROFESSIONAL (in alphabetical order)</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT AND YEAR ADMITTED</b>	<b>HOURLY RATE<sup>5</sup></b>	<b>TOTAL HOURS BILLED (in this application)</b>	<b>FEES BILLED</b>
<b><i>PARTNERS</i></b>				
Bienenstock, Martin J.	BSGR&B – 1978	\$759	3.70	\$2,808.30
Ferrara, Ralph C.	Litigation – 1970	\$759	.80	\$607.20
Firestein, Michael A.	Litigation – 1983	\$759	1.20	\$910.80
Mungovan, Timothy W.	Litigation – 1994	\$759	9.80	\$7,438.20
Possinger, Paul V.	BSGR&B – 1993	\$759	2.20	\$1,669.80
Rappaport, Lary Alan	Litigation – 1979	\$759	.10	\$75.90
Ratner, Stephen L.	Litigation – 1975	\$759	2.80	\$2,125.20
Richman, Jonathan E.	Litigation – 1984	\$759	20.20	\$15,331.80
Rosen, Brian S.	BSGR&B – 1983	\$759	2.10	\$1,593.90
<b>Total for Partners:</b>			<b>42.90</b>	<b>\$32,561.10</b>
<b><i>ASSOCIATES</i></b>				
Alonzo, Julia D.	Litigation – 2009	\$759	53.40	\$40,530.60

<sup>5</sup> In the ordinary course of business, the standard hourly billing rates for Proskauer professionals and paraprofessionals are adjusted annually as of the commencement of the firm’s fiscal year on November 1 to reflect economic and other conditions and apply to matters in and out of bankruptcy cases. Pursuant to the Appendix B Guidelines, “rate increases” “exclude annual ‘step increases’ historically awarded by the firm in the ordinary course to attorneys throughout the firm due to advancing seniority and promotion.” Appendix B Guidelines ¶ B.2.d, n.2. Annual step increases are awarded by Proskauer in the ordinary course throughout the firm on May 1. Proskauer’s November 25, 2016 engagement letter with the Oversight Board (a copy of which is available on the Oversight Board’s website at <https://juntasupervision.pr.gov/wp-content/uploads/wpfd/50/58b6126be2546.pdf>) (the “Engagement Letter”) provides that Proskauer’s rates will be increased on January 1 (rather than on November 1) by the lower of the percentage rate increase announced as of November 1 and four percent. Because Proskauer’s fees under the Engagement Letter are a blended rate (currently \$759) for all attorneys and another, lower blended rate (currently \$260) for all other professionals, no annual step increases will be applicable to the rates charged in this matter. As detailed in the Second Interim Application, Proskauer’s rates under the Engagement Letter increased from \$730 per hour for attorneys and \$250 per hour for paraprofessionals to \$759 per hour for attorneys and \$260 per hour for paraprofessionals on January 1, 2018, during the second interim compensation period. Rates have not increased during this Compensation Period.

NAME OF PROFESSIONAL (in alphabetical order)	DEPARTMENT AND YEAR ADMITTED	HOURLY RATE <sup>5</sup>	TOTAL HOURS BILLED (in this application)	FEES BILLED
DiGrande, Melissa	Litigation – 2017	\$759	6.90	\$5,237.10
Kim, Mee R.	Litigation – 2016	\$759	6.30	\$4,781.70
Ma, Steve	BSGR&B – 2014	\$759	.30	\$227.70
Webb, Jeramy D.	BSGR&B – 2015	\$759	.20	\$151.80
<b>Total for Associates:</b>			<b>67.10</b>	<b>\$50,928.90</b>
<b><i>LAW CLERKS</i></b>				
Carino, Elisa	Litigation Law Clerk	\$260	10.20	\$2,652.00
Stevens, Elliot R. <sup>6</sup>	BSGR&B Law Clerk – N/A	\$260	8.10	\$2,106.00
<b>Total for Law Clerks:</b>			<b>18.30</b>	<b>\$4,758.00</b>
<b><i>PARAPROFESSIONALS</i></b>				
Miller, Tiffany	Labor & Employment Paralegal – N/A	\$260	2.40	\$624.00
Petrov, Natasha	BSGR&B Paralegal – N/A	\$260	18.90	\$4,914.00
Silvestro, Lawrence T.	Litigation Paralegal – N/A	\$260	1.20	\$312.00
Winkelspecht, Michael J.	Professional Resources – N/A	\$260	1.50	\$390.00
<b>Totals for Paraprofessionals:</b>			<b>24.00</b>	<b>\$6,240.00</b>

PROFESSIONALS	TOTAL HOURS BILLED	TOTAL COMPENSATION
<b>Attorneys, Law Clerks, and Paraprofessional Totals:</b>	<b>152.30</b>	<b>\$94,488.00</b>

<sup>6</sup> Admitted to the bar during the Compensation Period. Once admitted and sworn into the bar, the timing of which varies on an individual- and jurisdictional-basis, law clerks are reclassified and billed as associates beginning on the first day of the month following such admission.

**Schedule 3**

**Summary of Professional Services Rendered by Project  
Category for the Period February 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018**

<b>PROJECT CATEGORY</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>HOURS</b>	<b>FEES SOUGHT</b>
201	Tasks Relating to the Board, its Members, its Staff, its Advisors or its Consultants	1.80	\$1,366.20
202	Legal Research	23.40	\$8,628.90
204	Communications with Claimholders	2.60	\$1,973.40
205	Communications with the Commonwealth, its Instrumentalities or Representatives of the Commonwealth or its Instrumentalities	1.90	\$1,442.10
206	Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board	81.30	\$61,706.70
207	Non-Board Court Filings	5.90	\$4,478.10
209	Adversary Proceeding	.20	\$151.80
210	Analysis and Strategy	4.40	\$3,339.60
212	General Administration	4.50	\$1,170.00
218	Employment and Fee Applications	26.30	\$10,231.20
<b>Total for All Project Categories:</b>		<b>152.30</b>	<b>\$94,488.00</b>

**Schedule 4**

**Summary of Actual and Necessary Expenses Incurred  
for the Period February 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018**

<b>EXPENSE CATEGORY</b>	<b>AMOUNTS</b>
Lexis/ Westlaw	\$2,829.00
Reproduction	\$36.20
Transcripts & Depositions	\$1,412.74
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,277.94</b>



**Schedule 5**

**Blended Rate Chart**

<b>CATEGORY OF TIMEKEEPER</b>	<b>BLENDED HOURLY RATE</b>	
	<b>BILLED</b> <b>Domestic offices in which timekeepers collectively billed at least 10% of the hours to the bankruptcy case during the application period, for preceding year, <i>excluding bankruptcy</i></b>	<b>BILLED</b> <b>In this fee application<sup>7</sup></b>
Partners	\$1,120	\$759
Senior Counsel	\$950	\$759
Associates (7 or more years since first admission)	\$829	\$759
Associates (4-6 years since first admission)	\$768	\$759
Associates (1-3 years since first admission)	\$613	\$759
Law Clerks	\$537	\$260
Paraprofessionals	\$301	\$260
Other	\$442	\$260
<b>All Timekeepers Aggregated:</b>	<b>\$802</b>	<b>\$620</b>

<sup>7</sup> As explained in more detail herein and in the Engagement Letter, in connection with its representation of the Oversight Board, both inside and outside of Title III, Proskauer agreed to a custom fee arrangement, whereby (a) prior to January 1, 2018, partners, counsel, and associates were billed at \$730 per hour, and all other staff were billed at \$250 per hour, and (b) as of January 1, 2018, partners, counsel, and associates are billed at \$759 per hour, and all other staff are billed at \$260 per hour.

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AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEBTOR, PUERTO RICO SALES TAX FINANCING  
CORPORATION, FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH MAY 31, 2018**

Proskauer Rose LLP ("Proskauer"), attorneys for the Financial Oversight and  
Management Board for Puerto Rico (the "Oversight Board") as representative of the Puerto Rico

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Sales Tax Financing Corporation (the “Debtor” or “COFINA”), pursuant to section 315(b) of the *Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act* (“PROMESA”),<sup>2</sup> hereby submits this third interim application (the “Application”),<sup>3</sup> pursuant to PROMESA sections 316 and 317, Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”),<sup>4</sup> Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Puerto Rico (the “Local Rules”), and the *United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* issued by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee, 28 CFR Part 58, Appendix B (the “Guidelines”), and in accordance with this Court’s *Second Amended Order Setting Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [ECF No. 3269] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), for (a) allowance of interim compensation for professional services performed by Proskauer for the period commencing February 1, 2018 through and including May 31, 2018 (the “Compensation Period”) in the amount of **\$94,488.00**, \$94,488.00 of which represents fees earned outside of Puerto Rico and \$0.00 of which represents fees earned in Puerto Rico, and (b) reimbursement of its actual and necessary expenses in the amount of **\$4,277.94** incurred during the Compensation Period. In support of the Application, Proskauer respectfully avers as follows:

### **Jurisdiction**

1. The United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico (the “Court”) has subject matter jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to PROMESA section 306(a).
2. Venue is proper in this district pursuant to PROMESA section 307(a).

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<sup>2</sup> PROMESA has been codified in 48 U.S.C. §§ 2101-2241.

<sup>3</sup> The Application solely pertains to fees and expenses incurred with respect to the Debtor’s Title III case and does not address fees or expenses incurred with respect to other services performed for the Oversight Board (a) on behalf of other Title III debtors, or (b) outside the Title III process.

<sup>4</sup> The Bankruptcy Rules are made applicable to the Debtor’s Title III case pursuant to PROMESA section 310.

3. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are PROMESA sections 316 and 317.

### **Background**

4. On June 30, 2016, the Oversight Board was established under PROMESA section 101(b). On August 31, 2016, President Obama appointed the Oversight Board's seven voting members.

5. Pursuant to PROMESA section 315, "[t]he Oversight Board in a case under this subchapter is the representative of the debtor" and "may take any action necessary on behalf of the debtor to prosecute the case of the debtor, including filing a petition under section [304] of [PROMESA] . . . or otherwise generally submitting filings in relation to the case with the court." 48 U.S.C. § 2175.

6. On September 30, 2016, the Oversight Board designated the Debtor as a "covered entity" under PROMESA section 101(d).

7. On November 25, 2016, the Oversight Board retained Proskauer at substantial discounts to its normal hourly rates, as shown by the Engagement Letter and by Schedule 5 above.

8. On May 5, 2017, the Oversight Board issued a restructuring certification pursuant to PROMESA sections 104(j) and 206 and filed a voluntary petition for relief for the Debtor pursuant to PROMESA section 304(a), commencing a case under title III thereof (the "Debtor's Title III Case"). Pursuant to PROMESA section 315(b), the Oversight Board is the Debtor's representative in the Debtor's Title III Case.

9. Background information regarding the Debtor and the commencement of the Debtor's Title III Case is contained in the *Notice of Filing of Statement of Oversight Board in*

*Connection with PROMESA Title III Petition* [ECF No. 1, Case No. 17 BK 3283-LTS], attached to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's Title III petition.

10. On December 15, 2017, Proskauer filed the *First Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, for the Period May 5, 2017 through September 30, 2017* [ECF No. 2043] (the "First Interim Application").

11. On April 9, 2018, Proskauer filed the *Second Interim Fee Application of Proskauer Rose LLP for Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as Attorneys for the Financial Oversight and Management Board for Puerto Rico, as Representative of the Debtor, Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation, for the Period October 1, 2017 through January 31, 2018* [ECF No. 2870] (the "Second Interim Application").

12. On June 13, 2018, Proskauer served on the Notice Parties (as defined in the Interim Compensation Order) its tenth monthly fee statement for the period February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018. On June 20, 2018, Proskauer served on the Notice Parties its eleventh monthly fee statement for the period March 1, 2018 through March 31, 2018. On July 3, 2018, Proskauer served on the Notice Parties its twelfth monthly fee statement for the period April 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018. Proskauer incurred no fees or expenses for the period May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018.

13. In accordance with the Interim Compensation Order and as reflected in the foregoing summary, Proskauer has requested an aggregate payment of \$89,317.14 (payment of ninety percent (90%) of the compensation sought and reimbursement of one-hundred percent (100%) of expenses incurred) and has received no payments with respect to fee statements filed during the Compensation Period.

**Summary of Services Rendered by Proskauer During the Compensation Period**

14. The instant application is Proskauer's third for interim compensation in the Debtor's Title III Case. Proskauer worked for the Oversight Board to continue the significant progress achieved during the first and second interim periods. In the first interim period, Proskauer transitioned the Commonwealth and certain of its instrumentalities to Title III, and, among other things, negotiated a mechanism to resolve the Commonwealth-COFINA dispute over billions of sales and use tax revenues, and successfully defended against attempts by creditors to (a) seize the toll revenues HTA needed to maintain the Commonwealth's transportation system and (b) seize PREPA and its revenues by putting PREPA in the hands of a receiver. In the second interim period, in the face of the devastation wrought by Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Proskauer worked with the Oversight Board's officers and other professionals to assess the situation, take actions to ensure the provision of basic services and reformulate restructuring initiatives to reflect the changing economic landscape. Proskauer also successfully defended against numerous creditor efforts to enjoin the Oversight Board from proceeding toward a plan of adjustment based on the certified fiscal plan and to seize many revenue streams.

15. In this Compensation Period, Proskauer built on these important achievements. In the face of a liquidity crunch that threatened to halt PREPA's operations and leave the island without electricity, Proskauer worked diligently with Government attorneys to secure court authorization for the Commonwealth to lend \$1 billion to PREPA on a superpriority and priming lien basis, despite significant protest by creditor groups. The Court approved a \$300 million superpriority loan with leave to return for approval of a larger loan with superpriority and a priming lien, if necessary and appropriate. Proskauer took a leading role in assisting the Oversight Board with the development, certification, and defense of revised fiscal plans that will provide the blueprint for Puerto Rico's future prosperity and fiscal responsibility. Proskauer

drafted the appellate briefs in creditors' appeals seeking to reverse decisions protecting HTA and PREPA revenues. Proskauer also played a key role in furthering the resolution of the Commonwealth-COFINA Dispute, a threshold issue involving billions of dollars' worth of tax revenues the resolution of which is critical to a successful restructuring. Among others, Proskauer's notable undertakings during this Compensation Period in furtherance and defense of the Oversight Board's mandate under PROMESA of returning the Commonwealth to fiscal responsibility and access to capital markets include:

- Certification of New Fiscal Plans and Budgets. Proskauer has played an instrumental and extensive role in the development and defense of new certified fiscal plans for the Commonwealth and its instrumentalities following the humanitarian and economic devastation wrought by Hurricanes Irma and Maria. While the Oversight Board worked closely with the Commonwealth in trying to certify plans submitted by the Commonwealth and certain of its instrumentalities, these fiscal plans were ultimately rejected by the Oversight Board, which developed and certified its own fiscal plans. Proskauer assisted the Oversight Board in this regard, including working with the Oversight Board's financial advisors to rigorously analyze data, assess the economic and structural impact of proposed fiscal plans, and ultimately assist the Oversight Board in drafting and certifying fiscal plans that will help achieve PROMESA's purpose of instilling financial responsibility and restoring the island's access to capital markets.
- Commonwealth-COFINA Dispute. Proskauer furthered the Oversight Board's important and active role with respect to the Commonwealth-COFINA Dispute, a dispute central to the Commonwealth's restructuring. During the Compensation Period, Proskauer drafted and filed a joint urgent motion with the Commonwealth and COFINA agents seeking an order expanding the agents' mediation and immunity protections to allow them to participate in a mediation agenda prepared by the judicial mediators. This motion was granted after Proskauer successfully defended it from objections by both the Government and creditors. In addition, in connection with a directive from the Court, Proskauer prepared a report confirming the Oversight Board's, Commonwealth Agent's, and COFINA Agent's compliance with the Commonwealth-COFINA Dispute Stipulation. Proskauer also closely monitored, analyzed, researched, and advised on myriad issues raised in the dispute, including opposing the COFINA Agent's motion to certify questions of Puerto Rico Law to the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico. The Court denied the motion to certify, agreeing with the Oversight Board's assessment of the situation and the pleadings prepared and filed by Proskauer. Finally, Proskauer advised the Oversight Board in connection with a motion filed by AFSCME that sought to compel compliance with the stipulation governing the Commonwealth-COFINA Dispute. The Court eventually issued a ruling consistent with the Oversight Board's position.

- UCC Rule 2004 Motion. Proskauer defended against a renewed motion by the UCC seeking to undertake an expansive discovery program pursuant to Rule 2004, which program overlapped with the Oversight Board's pending investigation into financial institutions previously involved in bond sales. The discovery would be extremely burdensome and costly when Puerto Rico's resources are already stretched extremely thin, and unnecessary given that the Oversight Board has already retained an Independent Investigator to investigate the same issues transparently and in cooperation with the UCC and the Retiree Committee. The motion has been fully briefed before Judge Dein, who has held the motion in abeyance to provide the Independent Investigator with additional time to complete its investigation and file procedures governing the sharing of information collected in the course of its investigation. In addition, following extensive briefing by Proskauer, Judge Dein affirmed the Oversight Board's position that a wholesale production of documents relating to the development of fiscal plans was unwarranted and would be counterproductive. Accordingly, Proskauer was tasked with determining categories of documents deemed privileged and recommending subsequent production procedures.
- PREPA Postpetition Financing Motion. Hurricanes Irma and Maria devastated Puerto Rico's electrical grid and left more than half of the island without electricity for many months. As a result, PREPA was left with significantly reduced cash collections and a dire need for financial resources to continue operations. Acting on PREPA's emergency need, Proskauer worked with the Commonwealth, PREPA, and their respective advisors to determine (i) terms on which the Commonwealth could and should lend money to PREPA, (ii) PREPA's cash needs, and (iii) a marketing process for postpetition financing. Proskauer drafted pleadings seeking approval of financing having superpriority and priming liens, with the Court ultimately granting a \$300 million superpriority financing and providing that PREPA may apply for more financing on the original proposed terms if warranted. As part of this process, Proskauer engaged in numerous rounds of negotiations with creditors to achieve amendments acceptable to the Court and various constituencies.

16. One of Proskauer's primary roles has been the defense of the Title III Debtors' interests in numerous, multi-billion-dollar adversary proceedings and contested matters brought by various bondholders and monoline insurers. Such matters seek, among other things, to enjoin the Oversight Board from proposing a plan of adjustment consistent with the Commonwealth's certified fiscal plan, to nullify the Commonwealth's certified fiscal plan, and to compel turnovers of billions of dollars of revenues critical to the Commonwealth's viability and the provision of public services on the island in the wake of the hurricanes. Proskauer has defended against these challenges and raised numerous legal issues, many of first impression, involving, among other things, the constitutionality of various PROMESA provisions, the correct interpretation of



various sections of PROMESA and the Bankruptcy Code, and the validity of certain creditors' asserted liens. The following is a summary of major litigation matters in which Proskauer served as lead counsel for the Title III Debtors during the Compensation Period:

- Peaje Investment, LLC v. Puerto Rico Highways & Trans. Authority, et al., Adv. Proc. No. 17-00151/152: Action brought by a holder of \$64 million worth of 1968 HTA bonds seeking an injunction against HTA's use of its revenues and requesting adequate protection. Proskauer vigorously defended the action. Plaintiff's motion (which was the subject of factual and expert discovery, a full evidentiary hearing, and extensive briefing) was denied by the Court, which found plaintiff failed to show it had a substantial likelihood of prevailing on the merits regarding its claim of a statutory lien. Plaintiffs appealed the judgment to the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (the "First Circuit"). The issues before the First Circuit stem from whether or not plaintiff is entitled to receive debt payments prior to confirmation of a plan of adjustment and whether it showed a probability of success on its contention it held a statutory lien. Both Proskauer and plaintiff fully briefed their respective issues before the First Circuit and on June 5, 2018, Proskauer presented oral argument. The First Circuit took the arguments *sub judice*.
- Assured Guaranty Corp., et al. v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., Adv. Proc. No. 17-00155/156: Action brought by HTA bond insurers to require turnover of HTA revenues for postpetition debt service under sections 922 and 928 of the Bankruptcy Code. Proskauer fully briefed and argued a motion to dismiss the action, which the Court granted, closing the adversary proceeding. A notice of appeal to the First Circuit was filed. The Appellant filed its brief, and on July 9, 2018, Proskauer filed the Appellee's brief, after having also reviewed and taken into consideration the amicus briefs filed by the National Federation of Municipal Analysts and the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.
- Ambac Assurance Corp. v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., Adv. Proc. No. 17-00159: Action brought by an HTA bond insurer (i) claiming unconstitutional takings and due process violations, (ii) seeking turnover of HTA revenues for postpetition debt service under sections 922 and 928 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (iii) seeking to compel payment of "claw back" revenues to HTA for the bondholders' benefit. Proskauer fully briefed and argued a motion to dismiss the complaint, which the Court granted. The case is currently on appeal to the First Circuit. Plaintiff filed its brief and Proskauer is in the process of drafting and preparing to file the Appellee's brief, which will be filed on or before August 20, 2018.
- ACP Master LTD., et al. v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., Adv. Proc. No. 17-00189: Action brought by holders of GO bond debt to obtain declaratory and injunctive relief restricting the Commonwealth's use of essential "claw back" and property tax revenues. Proskauer fully briefed and argued a motion to dismiss, which the Court granted. Plaintiffs appealed the judgment to the First Circuit. Plaintiffs have filed their brief, and on July 2, 2018, Proskauer filed the Appellees' brief. Additionally, Proskauer responded to the UCC's motion to be recognized as an

appellee in the appeal, arguing the UCC lacked constitutional standing. Finally, Proskauer has reviewed and taken into consideration the amicus briefs filed by a group of ERS's secured claimholders.

- Asociación de Profesoras y Profesores del Recinto Universitario de Mayagüez, Inc. v. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, et al., Adv. Proc. No. 17-00197: Action brought by APRUM against the Commonwealth, the Oversight Board, Governor, the Hon. Raúl Maldonado Gautier, José Iván Marrero Rosado, and Natalie A. Jaresko to enjoin the defendants from presenting any plan of adjustment until a new fiscal plan is formulated and certified. In their motion to dismiss the original complaint, Defendants argued (i) the Court lacks subject matter jurisdiction; (ii) plaintiff lacks standing and is not a party in interest; and (iii) PROMESA prohibits the Court from interfering with the Commonwealth's decisions about the use of its property and revenues. Plaintiff filed an amended complaint on May 11, 2018, in which it sought a declaration that UPR's services are indispensable and an order enjoining the filing of a plan of adjustment until recasting of the Fiscal Plan and 2017-2018 Budget has occurred. Proskauer has worked with counsel for the co-defendants to draft a response to the amended complaint.
- Voya Institutional Trust Co. v. Univ. of P.R., et al., Adv. Proc. No. 17-00216: Plaintiff, Voya Institutional Trust Company ("VITC"), as trustee for the University of Puerto Rico deferred compensation plan (the "DFC Plan"), filed a complaint against UPR, the president of UPR and the Governor, seeking a determination as to whether (i) VITC can comply with UPR's request to transfer DFC Plan funds to a successor trustee under PROMESA, and (ii) VITC can be liable for violating the automatic stay. During prior interim periods, defendants filed motions to dismiss and the parties filed a joint status report advising the Court that they are trying to resolve the issues. During this Compensation Period, VITC and UPR filed a May 28 joint status report informing the Court that the parties had agreed to participate in mediation to attempt to consensually resolve this case. Proskauer worked diligently to facilitate a resolution to this dispute during this Compensation Period, and, on June 30, the parties filed a status report indicating that documents are being prepared to formalize an agreement.
- University of P.R. v. Voya Institutional Trust Co., Adv. Proc. No. 17-00217: UPR originally filed an action in Puerto Rico local court seeking to compel VITC, as trustee for UPR's DFC Plan, to comply with the terms of the DFC Plan, including a request to turn over all funds in VITC's possession to UPR. VITC removed the action to the United States District Court for the District of Puerto Rico. The arguments in this case are similar to those in Adv. Proc. No. 17-00216. The parties filed a joint status report on December 14, 2017, stating they are trying to resolve the issues. On December 15, 2017 the case was stayed until April 13, 2018. Since April 13, 2018, VITC and UPR have filed two joint status reports: one on May 28, 2018, informing the Court that the parties had agreed to participate in mediation to attempt to consensually resolve the case, and another, on June 26, 2018, indicating that documents are being prepared to formalize an agreement. Proskauer worked diligently throughout the Compensation Period to drive consensus and reach a mutually agreeable resolution to the action.

- Siemens Transp. P'ship P.R., S.E. v. P.R. Highways and Transp. Auth., Adv. Proc. No. 18-00030: Plaintiff Siemens filed a complaint against HTA, the Oversight Board, AAFAF, and the GDB seeking a judgment: (i) declaring certain funds are due to plaintiff; (ii) declaring the funds held by the GDB are property of plaintiff; (iii) enjoining defendants from disbursing any of the funds to any party other than plaintiff; and (iv) releasing the funds to plaintiff. The action arises out of a contractual dispute relating to construction work provided for the benefit of HTA. Proskauer drafted and filed a motion to dismiss, which has been fully argued and is now *sub judice*.
- Puerto Rico Elec. Power Auth., et al v. Ad Hoc Group-PREPA Bondholders, et al., (First Circuit Court of Appeals No. 17-2079): The Ad Hoc Group of PREPA Bondholders, et al., holding and/or insuring approximately \$5.3 billion of PREPA Bonds, moved the Bankruptcy Court, in the PREPA Title III action, for relief from the automatic stay to commence litigation against PREPA for the appointment of a receiver. Proskauer filed a lengthy response vehemently opposing the motion, in a supplement brief requested by the Court, arguing PROMESA section 305 prevents the Court from lifting the stay for the purpose requested by the bondholders to seek appointment of a receiver who would take control of PREPA's unencumbered property, have all the powers of a trustee over the board, management, and employees, and be charged with requested rate hikes to repay all debt notwithstanding the impact on the Commonwealth's recovery. The Court denied the bondholders' motion. The bondholders filed an appeal to the First Circuit Court of Appeals. Proskauer has continued to vigorously defend the action in the First Circuit. The issues have now been fully briefed and oral argument was heard on June 5, 2018.

17. As part of Proskauer's involvement in the above matters, Proskauer (a) prepared and filed numerous pleadings and briefs in litigation matters; (b) participated in and prepared for hearings that included both contested and uncontested matters; (c) researched jurisprudence regarding proposed plan issues, including bankruptcy and U.S. Constitutional issues; and (d) performed a myriad of other professional services as described in this Application and reflected in **Schedule 3** and **Exhibit B**.

18. By this Application, Proskauer seeks an allowance, pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, of **\$94,488.00** as compensation for professional services rendered, \$94,488.00 of which represents fees earned outside of Puerto Rico and \$0.00 of which represents fees earned in Puerto Rico, and **\$4,277.94** as reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Compensation Period in connection with such professional services. Notably, the Application reflects aggregate voluntary reductions made during the Compensation

Period to Proskauer's request for compensation and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$8,684.10 and \$357.16, respectively, on top of the sizeable discount embedded in its engagement letter with the Oversight Board, in which it fixed hourly rates at levels providing up to 45% discounts on the hourly rates of its most senior partners.

19. Proskauer maintains computerized records of the time spent by all Proskauer attorneys and paraprofessionals in connection with the firm's representation of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor. Subject to redaction where necessary to preserve the Oversight Board's attorney-client privilege and the confidentiality of attorney work product and mediation confidentiality, copies of the computerized records for the Compensation Period are attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

20. Proskauer's budget and staffing plan for the Compensation Period are attached hereto as **Exhibit D**.<sup>5</sup>

21. Proskauer's summary of itemized time records for professionals and paraprofessionals performing services for the Oversight Board is set forth on **Schedule 1**. During the Compensation Period, Proskauer billed the Oversight Board for time expended by attorneys based on a set rate of \$759.<sup>6</sup> The professional services performed by Proskauer on

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<sup>5</sup> Budgets are only provided for matters Proskauer actually billed time to in a given month. If no time was billed to a given matter during the month, no monthly budget has been provided for that matter.

<sup>6</sup> In the ordinary course of business, the standard hourly billing rates for Proskauer professionals and paraprofessionals are adjusted annually as of the commencement of the firm's fiscal year on November 1 to reflect economic and other conditions and apply to matters in and out of bankruptcy cases. Pursuant to the Appendix B Guidelines, "rate increases" "exclude annual 'step increases' historically awarded by the firm in the ordinary course to attorneys throughout the firm due to advancing seniority and promotion." Appendix B Guidelines ¶ B.2.d, n.2. Annual step increases are awarded by Proskauer in the ordinary course throughout the firm on May 1. Proskauer's November 25, 2016 engagement letter with the Oversight Board (a copy of which is available on the Oversight Board's website at <https://juntasupervision.pr.gov/wp-content/uploads/wpfd/50/58b6126be2546.pdf>) (the "Engagement Letter") provides that Proskauer's rates will be increased on January 1 (rather than on November 1) by the lower of the percentage rate increase announced as of November 1 and four percent. Because Proskauer's fees under the Engagement Letter are a blended rate (currently \$759) for all attorneys and another, lower blended rate (currently \$260) for all other professionals, no annual step increases will be applicable to the rates charged in this matter. As detailed in the Second Interim Application, Proskauer's rates under the Engagement Letter increased from \$730 per hour for attorneys and \$250 per hour for paraprofessionals

behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor during the Compensation Period required an aggregate expenditure of 42.90 recorded hours by Proskauer's partners; 67.10 recorded hours by associates; 18.30 recorded hours by law clerks;<sup>7</sup> and 24.00 recorded hours by paraprofessionals. As required by the Guidelines, **Exhibit C** attached hereto shows, for each Project Category (as defined below), a list of professionals who performed services in each Project Category and the aggregate recorded hours each professional incurred. In accordance with Guidelines paragraph C.3, Proskauer's blended hourly rates are disclosed in **Schedules 1** and **5**. The fees charged by Proskauer, as set forth in **Schedule 2**, are in accordance with the firm's existing billing rates and procedures in effect during the Compensation Period, as revised to reflect Proskauer's arrangement with the Oversight Board. The standard rates Proskauer charges for the services rendered by its professionals and paraprofessionals in these Title III cases have been reduced to reflect the unique circumstances of PROMESA and the position of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, its instrumentalities, and its residents. **Schedules 2** and **3** show that the rates Proskauer charges on an hourly basis are below the competitive, market rates for bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy matters charged by the other professionals representing the Commonwealth and statutory committees. No Proskauer rates are increased as a result of the geographic location of a bankruptcy case.

22. All entries itemized in Proskauer's time records comply with the requirements set forth in the Guidelines, including, without limitation, (a) the utilization of project categories (each a "**Project Category**"), (b) a description of each activity or service that each individual performed, and (c) the number of hours (in increments of one-tenth of an hour) spent by each

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to \$759 per hour for attorneys and \$260 per hour for paraprofessionals on January 1, 2018, during the second interim compensation period. Rates have not increased during this Compensation Period.

<sup>7</sup> Law clerks are incoming attorneys who have not yet been admitted or sworn into the bar. Once admitted and sworn into the bar, the timing of which varies on an individual- and jurisdictional-basis, such individuals are reclassified and billed as associates beginning on the first day of the month following such admission.

individual providing the services. Each Project Category is organized in accordance with Guidelines paragraph C.8.b. If a Project Category does not appear in a particular application, Proskauer did not bill time or expenses for that Project Category during the Compensation Period, but may bill time for that Project Category in the future.

**Applicant Statement In Compliance with Appendix B Guidelines C.5**

23. The following answers are provided in response to the questions set forth in Guidelines paragraph C.5:

**Question:** Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard or customary billing rates, fees or terms for services pertaining to this engagement that were provided during the application period? If so, please explain.

**Response:** Yes. As explained in more detail in the Engagement Letter, in connection with its representation of the Oversight Board, both inside and outside of Title III, Proskauer agreed to a custom fee arrangement, whereby (a) prior to January 1, 2018, partners, counsel, and associates were billed at \$730 per hour, and all other staff were billed at \$250 per hour, and (b) as of January 1, 2018, partners, counsel, and associates are billed at \$759 per hour, and all other staff are billed at \$260 per hour.

**Question:** If the fees sought in this fee application as compared to the fees budgeted for the time period covered by this fee application are higher by 10% or more, did you discuss the reasons for the variation with the client?

**Response:** The total fees sought in this fee application did not exceed total budgeted fees.

**Question:** Have any of the professionals included in this fee application varied their hourly rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy case?

**Response:** No.

**Question:** Does the fee application include time or fees related to reviewing or revising time records or preparing, reviewing, or revising invoices? (This is limited to work involved in preparing and editing billing records that would not be compensable outside of bankruptcy and does not include reasonable fees for preparing a fee application.). If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

**Response:** No, the Application does not include time or fees related to reviewing time records or preparing, reviewing or revising invoices in connection with the preparation of monthly fee statements. However, the Application does include time related to the preparation of monthly fee statements. Proskauer expended approximately 7.90 hours for a total charge of



approximately \$5,197.70 in performing activities relating to such preparation, or approximately 5.5% of total fees incurred.

**Question:** Does this fee application include time or fees for reviewing time records to redact any privileged or other confidential information? If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

**Response:** No time was spent redacting time records on account of privilege concerns. However, the Application does include time related to reviewing time records to redact time entries pursuant to Court-ordered mediation confidentiality.

**Question:** If the fee application includes any rate increases since retention: (i) Did your client review and approve those rate increases in advance? (ii) Did your client agree when retaining the law firm to accept all future rate increases? If not, did you inform your client that they need not agree to modified rates or terms in order to have you continue the representation, consistent with ABA Formal Ethics Opinion 11-458?

**Response:** Yes. The Engagement Letter provides that Proskauer's rates will be increased on January 1 (rather than on November 1, the beginning of Proskauer's fiscal year) by the lower of the percentage rate increase announced as of November 1 and four percent. Proskauer's rates with respect to its representation of the Oversight Board were increased by four percent on January 1, 2018. Rates have not increased during this Compensation Period.

24. Proskauer attorneys attended hearings and participated in numerous teleconferences with the Oversight Board, the Board's other professional advisors, AAFAF and its professional advisors, the Unsecured Creditors' Committee and its professional advisors, the Official Committee of Retired Employees and its professional advisors, and the Debtor's creditors and their professional advisors. Proskauer attorneys also participated in internal meetings and conferences. The Debtor's Title III case poses complex, often interrelated issues that frequently require the attendance of more than one professional at hearings and conferences. This facilitates the sharing of information among professionals handling different but related work streams and possessing different areas of expertise that is brought to bear on a multitude of issues. Having more than one Proskauer attorney participate in hearings and conferences is often essential when one attorney is not handling every issue, and is beneficial to the Oversight Board when attendance by more than one attorney (telephonic and/or in-person) reduces the need for

internal de-briefing meetings and therefore allows Proskauer to represent the Debtor in a more cost-efficient manner that avoids unnecessary duplication and expense. Proskauer limits multiple participation to the most critical work streams for which attendance by more than one professional is actually necessary to provide efficient and appropriate representation for the Debtor.

### **Hearings and Conferences**

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**Professionals Billing Fewer Than Five Hours per Month**

26. The following chart indicates, solely with respect to the Debtor's Title III case, (a) professionals who billed fewer than five hours per month, (b) the months for which fewer than five hours were billed by the professional, and (c) an explanation of why the use of such professional was reasonable and necessary. As a general matter, because of the size and complexity of the Debtor's Title III case, it was reasonable and necessary to consult with professionals with specific practice area expertise to assist Proskauer's core restructuring professionals in providing the Debtor with necessary and beneficial professional services.<sup>8</sup>

<b>Professional</b>	<b>Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed</b>	<b>Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary</b>
Bienenstock, Martin J.	February	Mr. Bienenstock is a partner in Proskauer's BSGR&B group who advised on a proposed response to the COFINA agent's request for certification of issues to the Puerto Rico Supreme Court and related expedited scheduling issues.
DiGrande, Melissa	February	Ms. DiGrande is an associate in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with the analysis of the COFINA agent's certification request.
Ferrara, Ralph C.	February March	Mr. Ferrara is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on SUT-related discovery issues.
Firestein, Michael A.	February March	Mr. Firestein is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on the COFINA agent's certification request.
Kim, Mee R.	February March	Ms. Kim is an associate in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with the review and preparation of monthly fee statements.

<sup>8</sup> Many of the professionals listed below have billed substantially more time on other matters related to Proskauer's representation of the Oversight Board, including matters within and without PROMESA Title III.

<b>Professional</b>	<b>Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed</b>	<b>Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary</b>
Ma, Steve	April	Mr. Ma is an associate in Proskauer's BSGR&B group who assisted with drafting the Debtor's second interim fee application.
Miller, Tiffany	February March April	Ms. Miller is a paralegal in Proskauer's labor & employment department who assisted with various administrative tasks.
Mungovan, Timothy W.	March	Mr. Mungovan is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on the COFINA agent's certification request.
Petrov, Natasha	February March	Ms. Petrov is a paralegal in Proskauer's BSGR&B group who assisted with the drafting of Proskauer's interim fee applications.
Possinger, Paul V.	February March	Mr. Possinger is a partner in Proskauer's BSGR&B group who advised on the COFINA agent's certification request.
Rappaport, Lary Alan	February	Mr. Rappaport is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on the COFINA agent's certification request.
Ratner, Stephen L.	February March	Mr. Ratner is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on a proposed response to the COFINA agent's certification request.
Richman, Jonathan E.	February	Mr. Richman is a partner in Proskauer's litigation department who advised on a proposed response to the COFINA agent's certification request.
Rosen, Brian S.	March	Mr. Rosen is a partner in Proskauer's BSGR&B group who advised on the proposed response to the COFINA agent's certification request.
Silvestro, Lawrence T.	March	Mr. Silvestro is a paralegal in Proskauer's litigation department who assisted with various administrative tasks.
Stevens, Elliot R.	April	Mr. Stevens is a law clerk in Proskauer's BSGR&B group who assisted with legal research on various issues.

Professional	Month(s) in which less than 5 hours were billed	Explanation of Why Services Were Reasonable and Necessary
Webb, Jeramy D.	April	Mr. Webb is an associate in Proskauer's BSGR&B group who assisted with drafting the Debtor's interim fee applications.
Winkelspecht, Michael J.	February March	Mr. Winkelspecht is an eDiscovery project manager at Proskauer who assisted with issues related to various document productions.

### **Summary Description of Professional Services**

27. The following is a brief narrative summary, listed by Project Category, of the professional services rendered by Proskauer during the Compensation Period. Only Project Categories for which Proskauer billed more than 10 hours during the Compensation Period are summarized below.<sup>9</sup>

#### **I. Matter No. 33260/010 (PROMESA Title III: COFINA) and No. 33260/027 (PROMESA Title III: COFINA (Puerto Rico Time/Expenses))**

28. These matter numbers cover time spent relating to the core COFINA Title III case, including, for example, time spent regarding mediation, fiscal plan issues and working on disclosure statements or plans of adjustment.

- (a) Legal Research (Project Category 202)  
 (Fees: \$8,628.90; Hours: 23.40)  
 (Fees for work performed in Puerto Rico: \$0.00; Hours: 0.00)  
 (Aggregate Fees: \$8,628.90; Aggregate Hours: 23.40)

29. This Project Category includes time spent researching and analyzing legal issues and drafting internal memoranda and/or briefs analyzing legal issues related thereto, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys and

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<sup>9</sup> All time spent between February 1, 2018 – March 31, 2018 has been billed to the original matter numbers, in this case Matter Nos 33260/010 (for fees incurred outside of Puerto Rico) and 33260/027 (for fees incurred inside Puerto Rico). At the request of the Fee Examiner a number of new matter numbers were implemented during the Compensation Period to address different contested matters and adversary proceedings in the various Title III cases. Use of these new matters began on April 1, 2018. Thus, time incurred between April 1, 2018 – May 31, 2018 has been billed using these new matter numbers.

paraprofessionals spent time researching and analyzing a variety of issues related to litigation in the Commonwealth-COFINA dispute.

(b) Documents Filed on Behalf of the Board (Project Category 206)

(Fees: \$61,706.70; Hours: 81.30)

(Fees for work performed in Puerto Rico: \$0.00; Hours: 0.00)

(Aggregate Fees: \$61,706.70; Aggregate Hours: 81.30)

30. This Project Category includes time spent drafting various pleadings filed on behalf of the Debtor, to the extent not expressly covered by another Project Category. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys spent time conducting research for and drafting an opposition to the motion by the COFINA agent to certify legal issues to the Puerto Rico Supreme Court in the Commonwealth-COFINA dispute.

(c) Employment and Fee Applications (Project Category 218)

(Fees: \$10,231.20; Hours: 26.30)

(Fees for work performed in Puerto Rico: \$0.00; Hours: 0.00)

(Aggregate Fees: \$10,231.20; Aggregate Hours: 26.30)

31. This Project Category includes time spent on issues related to the compensation of Proskauer, and the retention and compensation of other Oversight Board professionals, including the preparation of monthly fee applications; (b) billing activities; and (c) the preparation of Proskauer monthly fee statements. Specifically, Proskauer attorneys and paraprofessionals spent time preparing Proskauer's monthly fee statements and drafting its second interim fee application.

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32. The foregoing professional services performed by Proskauer on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor during the Compensation Period were reasonable, necessary, appropriate, and beneficial when rendered, facilitated the effective administration of the Debtor's Title III case, and were in the best interests of the Oversight Board and the Debtor's creditors, Commonwealth's residents, and other stakeholders. Compensation

for the foregoing services as requested is commensurate with the complexity, importance, and time-sensitive nature of the problems, issues, and tasks involved. The professional services were performed with expedition and in an efficient manner.

33. In accordance with the factors enumerated in the Bankruptcy Code, the amount of fees requested is fair and reasonable given: (a) the complexity of the Debtor's Title III case; (b) the time expended; (c) the nature and extent of the services rendered; (d) the value of such services; (e) Proskauer's established expertise in the bankruptcy field; and (f) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under the Bankruptcy Code.

**Actual and Necessary Expenses of Proskauer**

34. Pursuant to the Guidelines, **Schedule 4** is Proskauer's summary of actual and necessary expenses incurred on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor during the Compensation Period.

35. In accordance with paragraph C.13 of the Appendix B Guidelines and as more fully described in **Schedule 4**, Proskauer seeks reimbursement for its necessary and reasonable expenses, including: (a) reproduction, (b) online research, (c) delivery services and couriers, and (d) transcription services. All expense entries detailed in **Exhibit B** comply with the requirements set forth in the Guidelines, including an itemization of the expenses by category, the date the expense was incurred, and the individual incurring the expense, where available. The reasons for the expenses are self-explanatory; in compliance with Appendix B Guidelines, paragraph C.13, the requested expenses are of the kind customarily charged to Proskauer's non-bankruptcy clients and by other comparable professionals.

36. Proskauer generally charges from \$0.10 (black and white) to \$0.30 (color) per page for photocopying expenses. The rates charged by the firm for Westlaw and Lexis computerized research vary according to the type of research conducted and the specific files

researched, but, in any event, Proskauer does not profit from the use of computer assisted legal research, as set forth in **Schedule 4**. As per the Appendix B Guidelines, Proskauer has not requested reimbursement of expenses related to overhead charges, such as secretarial services and proofreading. As **Schedule 4** reflects, all expenditures are of the type customarily billed to clients.

37. During the Compensation Period, Proskauer has disbursed **\$4,277.94** as necessary and reasonable expenses. These charges cover Proskauer's direct operating costs, which costs are not incorporated into the firm's hourly billing rates (because to do so would impose that cost upon clients who do not require extensive photocopying and other facilities and services). Only clients who actually use services of the kind set forth in **Exhibit B** are separately charged for such services. Proskauer has made every effort to minimize its expenses in the Debtor's Title III case. The actual expenses incurred in providing professional services were necessary, reasonable, and justified under the circumstances to effectively serve the needs of the Debtor in its Title III case.

#### **Compensation Paid and Its Source**

38. All services for which Proskauer seeks compensation, and expenses for which it seeks reimbursement, were performed on behalf of the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor. In connection with the matters covered by this Application, Proskauer received no payment and no promises of payment for services rendered, or to be rendered, from any source other than the Debtor. There is no agreement or understanding between Proskauer and any other person, other than members of the firm, for the sharing of compensation received for services rendered in this Title III case.

39. PROMESA sections 316 and 317 provide for interim compensation of professionals and govern the Court's award of such compensation. 48 U.S.C. §§ 2176-2177.

PROMESA section 316 provides that a court may award a professional person employed by the Debtor or the Oversight Board under PROMESA “(1) reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered by the professional person, or attorney and by any paraprofessional person employed by any such person; and (2) reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses.” 48 U.S.C. § 2176(a). Section 316 also sets forth the criteria for the award of such compensation and reimbursement:

In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded ... the court shall consider the nature, the extent, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including—

- (1) the time spent on such services;
- (2) the rates charged for such services;
- (3) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this chapter;
- (4) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue, or task addressed;
- (5) with respect to a professional person, whether the person is board certified or otherwise has demonstrated skill and experience in the bankruptcy field; and
- (6) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this subchapter or title 11.

48 U.S.C. § 2176(c).

40. As noted above, the professional services and expenditures for which Proskauer seeks compensation and reimbursement in this Application were necessary and beneficial to the Oversight Board as representative of the Debtor. Proskauer worked diligently to anticipate or respond to the Oversight Board’s needs and assist in the Oversight Board’s navigation of the

Debtor's very complex Title III case. The compensation requested herein is reasonable in light of the nature, extent, and value of such services to the Oversight Board. The Oversight Board has reviewed and approved this Application.

### **Reservations**

41. To the extent time or disbursement charges for services rendered or expenses incurred relate to the Compensation Period but were not processed prior to the preparation of this Application, or Proskauer has for any other reason not yet sought compensation or reimbursement of expenses herein with respect to any services rendered or expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, Proskauer reserves the right to request compensation for such services and reimbursement of such expenses in a future application.

### **Notice**

42. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, notice of this Application has been filed in the Debtor's Title III Case and the jointly-administered Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's Title III case and served upon:

- (a) the Financial Oversight and Management Board, 40 Washington Square South, Office 314A, New York, NY 10012, Attn: Professor Arthur J. Gonzalez, Oversight Board Member;
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- (e) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Puerto Rico, Edificio Ochoa, 500 Tanca Street, Suite 301, San Juan, PR 00901 (re: *In re: Commonwealth of Puerto Rico*);
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Proskauer submits that, in light of the foregoing, no other or further notice need be provided.

WHEREFORE Proskauer respectfully requests that the Court enter an order (a) allowing interim compensation for professional services rendered during the Compensation Period in the amount of **\$94,488.00** (which includes the 10% professional compensation holdback amount), \$94,488.00 of which represents fees earned outside of Puerto Rico and \$0.00 of which represents fees earned in Puerto Rico, and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses Proskauer incurred in connection with such services during the Compensation Period in the amount of **\$4,277.94**; (b) directing the Debtor to pay promptly to Proskauer the difference between (i) the amount of interim compensation for professional services rendered, and reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Compensation Period allowed hereunder, and (ii) the amounts for such compensation and expenses previously paid to Proskauer, consistent with the provisions of the Interim Compensation Order; (c) allowing such compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred without prejudice to Proskauer's right to seek additional compensation for services performed and expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, which were not processed at the time of this Application; and (d) granting Proskauer such other and further relief as is just and proper.

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